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BY HAND

Hon. Robert C. Heinemann
Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

*Re: Dept. of Amazonas, et al. v. Philip Morris, et al. - 00 Civ. 2881 (JBW)
Dept. of Antioquia v. Philip Morris, et al. - 00 Civ. 3857 (JBW)
Dept. of Magdalena, et al. v. Philip Morris, et al. - 00 Civ. 4530 (JBW)*

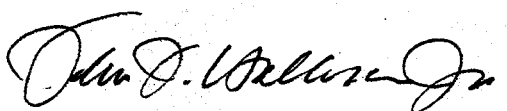
Dear Mr. Heinemann:

This firm is counsel to the Departments of the Republic of Colombia in the above-captioned actions.

Philip Morris has filed a motion to reassign the three above-referenced actions, and apparently has filed three separate sets of motion papers in support of the motion.

In light of Philip Morris' decision to file three separate sets of motion papers, plaintiffs are, by necessity, submitting herewith three virtually identical copies of their Memorandum of Law of the Departments of the Republic of Colombia in Opposition to Philip Morris' Motion for Reassignment (with appendix). We request that one Memorandum of Law be filed in the court file for each of the above-referenced actions.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Halloran, Jr.

JJH:mlc

cc: Hon. Jack B. Weinstein (By Hand)
Craig A. Stewart, Esq. (By Hand)